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Letter dated 11 October 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the letter of protest of 9 October 2010 submitted by the Argentine Government to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in relation to that country's announced intent to fire missiles from the territory of the Malvinas Islands (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 45 concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 October 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship is addressing this letter to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in reference to the communication which the Naval Hydrography Service of the Argentine Republic received from British military forces on 8 October 2010, announcing plans to fire missiles from the territory of the Malvinas Islands.

The Argentine Government protests, in the firmest and most vigorous terms, the intent to conduct this military exercise and demands that the British Government refrain from carrying it out.

The Argentine Government rejects the conduct of such exercises as an unacceptable provocation conducive to an arms race in the region, which is in direct contradiction to the Argentine policy of consistently seeking a peaceful solution to the dispute, as urged by the international community.

The Argentine Government reaffirms that the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the national territory of the Argentine Republic and that, owing to their illegitimate occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, they are the object of a sovereignty dispute between the two countries, as recognized by the United Nations and other international organizations.

The aforementioned exercises are incompatible with the object and purpose of the bilateral understandings between the two countries on military confidence-building measures, and represent one more in the long list of unilateral actions that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has carried out in contravention of United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/49.

The Argentine Government reaffirms its sovereignty rights over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, which are part of its national territory.

This new British provocation, which reflects the persistent, inexplicable failure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to respect the decisions of the international community, will be reported to the Secretaries-General of the United Nations, the Organization of American States and the Union of South American Nations, and to the States members of those organizations.

Buenos Aires, 9 October 2010